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ABSTRACT

This biblography presents 187 citations on the topic of homework. Material was located in five general areas: (1) books; (2) viewpoint articles; (3) empirical research; (4) experimental research; and (5) various reviews of homework literature. The range of topics covered in the bibliography include such subjects as parental involvement in homework, differing opinions on the value of homework, the relationship between homework and academic achievement, and student, parent, and teacher feelings about homework. (JD)

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Abstract

As early as 1842 in England, students were observed carrying books home in order to do homework (Gordon, 1980). Homework became a topic of interest and an emotional issue in England, the rest of Europe, and the United States at the turn of the century (Breed, 1919; "The first step", 1913; Miller, 1955; Simmons, 1921). Alternatives to homework were studied by researchers (Breed, 1919; Douglass, 1928). The homework-versus-no-homework debate seemed to abate with the findings of DiNapoli (1937) and Crawford & Carmichael (1937). The launching of Sputnik I by the U.S.S.R. in October of 1957 pushed homework onto the national scene once again (Contemporary Issues, 1960; Goldstein, 1960). The 1960s was a period of educational experimentation in curriculum and instruction characterized by the term "new" as in "The New Math" or "The New Social Studies". The early 1970s was a period of reaction to educational changes. The "Back-to-the-Basics Movement" brought a renewal of interest in homework (Yeary, 1978). This renewal of interest in homework was further heightened with the national impact of the educational report, A Nation at Risk (National Commission, 1983).

HOMEWORK: Selected References chronicles interest in the topic of homework. The selected references were taken from more than a thousand sources. A variety of key citations are included that are not found in any one single source. The selected references include books, viewpoint articles, empirical research, experimental research, and reviews of the literature.

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